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Dear Citizen:

This letter is to notify you that the Department of Environmental Protection intends to propose amendments to 310 CMR 50.00, regulations promulgated pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 21I (the Toxics Use Reduction Act or TURA).

TURA requires certain Massachusetts companies that use listed toxic chemicals above specific reporting thresholds to explore ways to decrease toxic chemical use and waste, implement them if practical, and measure and report their results on an annual basis. They must also evaluate their efforts and update their toxics use reduction plans every other year.

The proposed regulations contain provisions to streamline certain aspects of chemical reporting and toxics use reduction planning, as well as to adjust continuing education requirements for Toxics Use Reduction Planners. They also make TURA rules consistent with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know rules governing reporting of persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals, and make other miscellaneous changes.

I am pleased to send you this copy of a notice of public hearing (on the reverse), which will be conducted on June 16, 2004 at the Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, Boston in the Atlantic Conference Room on the 2nd floor.

Testimony may be presented orally and/or in writing at the public hearing. Written testimony will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2004, and may be submitted to: Cynthia Chaves, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Prevention, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Written testimony may also be sent via e-mail to: cynthia.chaves@state.ma.us.

Copies of the regulations and background document are available on DEP's website at www.mass.gov/dep/bwp/dhm/tura/policies.htm. To obtain a hard copy, please call Cynthia Chaves at (617) 292-5848.

Your comments will be carefully considered as we continue to develop and amend the Department's regulations so that they contribute to improved public health, safety, and the environment, while maintaining the economic well being of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Kwetz
Director, Division of Planning and Evaluation

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